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Response to Office Action

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. TABATA et al.

Serial No. : 09/659,771

Filed : SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

For : MEDICAL APPARATUS LEASE
SYSTEM FOR WHICH FEES ARE
PAID DEPENDING ON USAGE
STATUS AND MEDICAL APPARATUS
COMPATIBLE THEREWITH

Art Unit : 3626

Examiner : BLECK, CAROLYN M.

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
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three months by petition filed concurrently herewith to expire
on April 30, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
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Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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